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DATE: 15 JUNE 1964

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
REF:	[REDACTED]		
FOR	[REDACTED]		

1. RE PARA 2 REF, AGREE THAT OUR IMAGE AS PLANFUL AND CO-ORDINATED ORGANIZATION HAS SUFFERED SOMEWHAT WITHIN RECENT WEEK WISH TO ASSURE [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS A REFLECTION OF CERTA EVENTS IN WASHINGTON OVER WHICH WE HAVE LITTLE OR NO CONTROL VIS-A-VIS THE RELATIVE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF FAST MOVING EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WHEN THIS IS COUPLED TO OUR OWN PRESENTLY [REDACTED] IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATION OF THE FLAME OUT PHENOMENON [REDACTED]

YOU HAVE WHAT APPEARS TO THE OUTSIDER AS ORGANIZED CHAOS.

2. RE PARA 3 REF, AND AS NOTED IN EARLIER MESSAGE TO [REDACTED] MISGIVINGS [REDACTED] REGARDING OPERATION SLIPPING OUT OF [REDACTED] CONTROL BY VIRTUE [REDACTED] STAGING ARE ESSENTIALLY GROUNDLES IF WE ARE ABLE WE INTEND TO INTERSPERSE TEST CLIMB AND ENGINE

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BEHAVIOUR INVESTIGATIONS INTO AIR ACTIVITY ON-GOING AT FOLLOWING
ING ARRIVAL 362 AND PARTY AT THAT LOCATION. THIS
SHOULD IN PART PERMIT US TO FULFILL OUR PROPOSAL NOTED PARA 2. B.
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3. WHILE HQS HAS NOT CONCLUDED THAT CLIMATOLOGY OVER IS ENTIRE EXPLANATION FOR FLAME OUTS THERE IS A LINGERING SUSPICION THAT IT MAY BE A MEANINGFUL INGREDIENT IN THE ENTIRE INTERFACE BETWEEN ~~THE~~ AIRCRAFT AND ENVIRONMENT. CERTAINLY THE DECIDEDLY LOWER TEMPERATURE READINGS AT CERTAIN COMPARABLE ALTITUDES OVER REPRESENT A CONDITION THIS AIRCRAFT HAS NOT KNOWINGLY ENCOUNTERED SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION AS A TYPE IN 1958. WHEN THESE LOWE TEMPERATURES ARE COMBINED WITH ~~WIND~~ WIND SHEAR, AND IF THERE IS PRESENT THROUGH THE TROPOPAUSE ANY UNUSUAL DEGREE OF SUPER-COOLED AIR, CLIMATOLOGY MIGHT IN FACT HOLD THE ANSWER. ACCORDING TO THE METEOROLOGISTS THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION MODERATES WITHIN

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SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES SOUTH OF [] SO THAT ON PENETRATIONS WEST OF HAINAN THIS FACTOR ^{SHOULD BE} MINIMAL. BASIC PROBLEM IS THAT INVESTIGATION OF FLAME OUT PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO BE SOLVED AS IS A COMPLICATED DETECTIVE STORY BY ELIMINATING ONE VARIABLE AFTER

25X1 THE OTHER. AS YOU KNOW A PART OF ONE OF [] EDWARDS-
25X1 IT
25X1 BASED MAINTENANCE TEAMS IS NOW AT [] AND/SOULD BE NOTED THAT
AT ONE JUNCTURE HQS DID CONSIDER AN ENTIRE MAINTENANCE TEAM ~~WAS~~
TO
THERE ~~WAS~~ BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE IN SOLVING THE
PROBLEM.

4. RE PARA 4 REF, HQS BEST BET PRESENT COURSE ^{IS} TO STICK WITH
25X1 358 AND 359 AT [] AND MOVE 362 TO [] 348 IS COMMITTED TO TAIL 25X1
PIPE INVESTIGATION IN CALIFORNIA AND WILL PROBABLY BE SO INVOLVED
FOR SEVERAL MORE WEEKS. REASON FOR REQUIREMENT ^{MAINTAIN} ~~WAS~~ OPS
25X1 CAPABILITY [] STEMS FROM SPECIAL GROUP INJUNCTION REQUIRING
CONSIDERATION OF CENTRAL/NORTH CHINA AND NORTH KOREA MISSIONS IN
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EVENT PROLONGED BAD WEATHER PRECLUDES TEMPORARY COVERAGE
SOUTH CHINA. AT SOME POINT IN ☐ THIS EXERCISE IT MAY BE PRODUCTIVE
TO FLY EITHER 358 OR 359 TO ☐ FOR TEST FLIGHTS. AT THE MOMENT
OUR PACING PROBLEM IS AVAILABILITY OF ☐ PILOTS FOR OVERFLIGHT
MISSIONS SINCE SPECIAL GROUP WOULD NOT HEAR OF ☐ PILOTS
OVER SOUTH CHINA AT THIS TIME, ☐

5. TRUST ☐ WILL ENDEAVOR TO EXPLAIN TO ☐ THAT HQS
IS ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS AND
MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH VIEW TO RESUMING
FULL SCALE OPERATIONS FROM ☐ AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE
MOMENT.

6. QUERY DATE CITED PARA 1. REF.

END OF MESSAGE

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